### **Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District**

#### 2024 Solicitation

The District has more than \$3.38 million available in funding through the Carl Moyer Program (Moyer), Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER) Program, Community Air Protection (CAP) Program, and Targeted Airshed Grant Program (TAG). Eligible entities must be located and operate within Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's jurisdiction which includes all of Yolo County and the northeastern portion of Solano County, including the cities of Dixon, Rio Vista, and Vacaville.

## **Carl Moyer Program**

The Carl Moyer Program was established in 1998 as a partnership between the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and local air districts. The program provides monetary grants to private companies, and public agencies to turn over heavy-duty engines sooner than what is required by law and regulation through repowering, replacing, or retrofitting engines, vehicles, or equipment. The Moyer Program also funds infrastructure projects to support California's transformation to zero and near-zero emission technology.

# **FARMER Program**

The FARMER Program provides funding for harvesting equipment, tractors, and other equipment used in agricultural operations. FARMER is funded by California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade proceeds to work reducing GHG emissions and provides incentives through various statewide grant programs.

# **Community Air Protection Program**

The CAP Program's focus is to reduce exposure in communities most impacted by air pollution. In 2017, the California Legislature appropriated CAP Incentives funding to be administered by air districts in partnership with local communities to support early actions to address localized air pollution. This program offers funding for Carl Moyer-eligible projects that benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities within the District.

# **Targeted Airshed Grant Program**

The District was awarded funding through U.S. EPA Targeted Airshed Grant Program to administer a low-dust harvesting equipment replacement grant program. The program will offer funding for the purchase of new low-dust equipment resulting in a reduction of particulate matter emitted within the District and the Sacramento PM2.5 Non-Attainment Area.

# **Solicitation Schedule**

March 18, 2024 (8 a.m.) Solicitation Opens May 10, 2024 (4 p.m.) Solicitation Closes

June 10, 2024 Deadline to Notify Applicants of Missing Information
July 9, 2024 Deadline to Present List of Selected Projects to APCO

July 31, 2024 Applicants Notified of Tentative Awards

## **Applications and Resources**

To apply, select the application for the project category which your project is eligible for. Complete the application form, attach all necessary documentation, sign and submit to <a href="mailto:grants@ysaqmd.org">grants@ysaqmd.org</a> or mail to YSAQMD, 1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103, Davis, CA 95618. Applications must be received by 4 p.m. on the closing date, postmarks, and faxes will not be considered.

Application materials and resources can be found on the district website, <a href="www.ysaqmd.org">www.ysaqmd.org</a> by going to the Incentive tab on the drop-down menu.

### **Project Categories for Solicitation**

The Carl Moyer, FARMER and Community Air Protection programs fund projects that reduce emissions from heavy-duty on- and off-road equipment. During this solicitation, applications will be accepted for the following categories:

Category	Description	Funding Cap	Program Funding Available
On-Road Projects	Zero-Emission replacements for school buses over 14,000 GVWR. Light and medium heavy duty vehicle replacement (14,000 -33,000 GVWR) and Emergency Vehicles.*	Range between 50-80% for zero-emission and \$30,000 - \$40,000 for convention diesel replacements	CAP Incentives *DAC Only
Off-Road Projects	Small Fleets and Exempt Agricultural Equipment replacement to cleaner technology. Priority will be given to qualifying pilot projects for innovative technology. Non-pilot projects will be selected by random draw.	\$150,000 per piece of equipment	FARMER, Moyer, CAP Incentives
Low-Dust Harvesters	Funding for replacement of nut harvesting equipment with low-dust models.  Replacement equipment must be selected from an eligible equipment list or authorized by the District. Equipment must operate within the District and within the Sacramento PM2.5 Non-Attainment Area.	\$161,000 (self- propelled) and \$49,000 (PTO) per equipment	TAG Program
Infrastructure Projects	Project types include new battery charging and alternative fueling station installation. Projects will be subject to competitive bid process. Residential projects are not eligible. Priority will be given to qualifying school bus, public agency and charging stations available to the public. Infrastructure supporting on or off-road projects must be submitted with the equipment application to be considered.	50% for eligible projects with increased funding for public accessibility, alternative power and school buses	CAP Incentives

## **Pending Applications**

The District received nearly 100 applications during the 2023 Solicitation with requests totaling more than \$11 million. After nearly \$4 million of awards, the remaining applications were waitlisted and remain active. To address these pending applications, \$1.59 million of FARMER and Carl Moyer Program funding will be reserved for these applications and a separate draw will be conducted for awards. Following this drawing, all remaining 2023 applications will be closed and unfunded projects will need to reapply in a future solicitation. Any unawarded funding from this draw will be redirected to the 2024 Solicitation and eligible projects for each grant program.

# **Low-Income and Disadvantaged Communities**

Nearly \$1.3 million in funding has been reserved for projects in and benefitting low-income and disadvantaged communities. Applications in these communities will be prioritized for funding in all project categories and will be awarded using CAP funding first, in accordance with CAP Incentive guidelines including funding maximums. To view a map of low-income and disadvantaged communities within the Yolo- Solano Air Quality Management District, visit <a href="here">here</a>. Projects are not ineligible for funding if they are outside these communities.